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SUBJECT: FY-78 BANGLADESH IMET PROGRAM: FOREIGN OFFICERS
INTELLIGENCE TRAINING COURSE

REF: A. DA DTG 151507Z MAR 77; B. DACCA 0834 DTG 161010Z FEB 77;
C. AR 380-10 APPENDIX E

1. REF (C) HAS FINALLY BEEN RECEIVED HERE.
2. INFORMATION GIVEN BELOW IS KEYED TO DATA REQUESTED
IN PARAGRAPH E-3, APPENDIX E, AR 380-10. REQUEST FOR
EXCEPTION IS BASED SOLELY ON ATTENDANCE AT FOREIGN OFFICERS
INTELLIGENCE TRAINING COURSE (MASL B172595).

3. ORIGIN

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(1) INITIATIVE BY BANGLADESH ARMY. SENIOR OFFICERS
RECALL TRAINING MADE AVAILABLE PRE-1971 IN SIMILAR AREAS TO
THEN PAKISTAINI ARMY OFFICERS. THEY WISH TO BENEFIT
FROM THIS TRAINING AT COMPANY/FIELD GRADE OFFICER
LEVEL AND HAVE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THIS AS PART OF FY-78
IMET PROGRAM FOR TWO OFFICERS.

(2) BANGLADESH ARMY, ENDORSED BY MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.

(3) NOT APPLICABLE

(4) NO.

4. RATIONALE

(1) COURSE WILL BE USED TO TRAIN BANGLADESH ARMY OFFICERS IN INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION AND INTERPRETATION AND TO PREPARE THESE OFFICERS AS INSTRUCTORS.

(2) US HAS INITIATED IMET PROGRAM FOR BANGLADESH ON SMALL SCALE IN FY-77 AND SOMEWHAT INCREASED SCALE IN FY-78. THIS IS BEING DONE AT SPECIFIC REQUEST OF PRESIDENT OF BANGLADESH AND HIS MILITARY ASSOCIATES. AS EMBASSY HAS REPORTED FREQUENTLY WE EXPECT MILITARY TO BE IMPORTANT PART OF GOVERNING STRUCTURE IN BANGLADESH FOR SOME TIME TO COME. WE THEREFORE FULLY ENDORSE IMET PROGRAM AND SPECIFICALLY ENDORSE INTELLIGENCE TRAINING REQUEST.

(3) SIMILAR DISCLOSURE HAS NOT BEEN MADE TO BANGLADESH IN PAST.

(4) NOT KNOWN HERE, BUT WE ASSUME THAT SIMILAR DISCLOSURES HAVE BEEN MADE.

(5) AS ACCORDING TO PARAGRAPH 3 REFTEL (A) FOLLOW ON COURSE IS NOT NOW AVAILABLE TO BANGLADESH, WE COULD NOT HONOR ANY REQUEST FOR FOLLOWING TRAINING WERE IT MADE.

(6) NONE, BEYOND GRANT UNDER IMET FOR TRAINING COSTS.

5. BENEFITS TO US

(1) WE WOULD EXPECT A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CONFIDENTIAL

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OFFICERS TRAINING UNDER THE PROGRAM AND WOULD ALSO EXPECT TO PRECLUDE TRAINING BEING OBTAINED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN US OR ITS ALLIES.

(2) NONE.

(3) POTENTIAL RETURN IN THE FORM OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE CANNOT BE DISREGARDED, BUT THIS IS NOT PRIMARY PURPOSE FOR REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION.

(4) NO.

(5) NONE.

6. SECURITY IMPLICATIONS.

(1) NO PRESENT AGREEMENT WITH BANGLADESH. NONE CONTEMPLATED.

(2) AND (3) BANGLADESH HAS IN THE PAST HAD CLOSE MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS WITH INDIA AND THE SOVIET UNION. ONE PURPOSE FOR REQUESTING US TRAINING IN THE INTELLIGENCE FIELD (AND IN OTHER FIELDS AND SERVICES) BY THE BANGLADESH ARMY IS TO ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP WITH

WESTERN MILITARY DOCTRINE AND METHODS (RECALLING THAT SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE BANGLADESH MILITARY ARE FORMER PAKISTANI OFFICERS WHOSE EARLIER TRAINING WAS PRIMARILY AMERICAN IN ORIENTATION AND SECONDARILY BRIDISH). UNDER THE PRESENT REGIME IT IS UNLIKELY THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH EITHER INDIA OR THE SOVIET UNION WILL BE REESTABLISHED. HOWEVER, BANGLADESH IS BEGINNING AN EQUIPMENT RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA, PRIMARILY IN AIR FORCE MATERIEL BUT ALSO IN ARMY EQUIPMENT.

(4), (5) AND (6) THE EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ON THE TYPES OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION WHICH WOULD BE DISCLOSED IN THE INTELLIGENCE TRAINING COURSE TO JUDGE WHETHER THE FURTHER DISCLOSURE TO THIRD COUNTRIES WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT IN THE CONTEXT OF THESE THREE SUB-PARAGRAPHS.

7. TIMING
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- (1) DATE OF DISCLOSURE WOULD BE DURING THE COURSE.
- (2) WE WOULD EXPECT THE EXCEPTION TO BE CONTINUING AND SUBJECT TO ANNUAL REVIEW AS WE ANTICIPATE THIS COURSE WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FY-79 REQUEST AS WELL IF IT IS APPROVED FOR FY-78.
- (3) NO.
- (4) WE PRESUME NO EQUIPMENT IS INVOLVED.

8. SUPPORTING INFORMATION: NONE.

9. IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR CLARIFICATION IS REQUIRED, PLEASE REQUEST BY CABLE. WE WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO THE BANGLADESH REQUEST.
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